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SUBJECT: BRITISH RECOMMENDATION TO EC-NINE AND US ON
ATTENDANCE AT TURKISH RECEPTION IN CYPRUS

REFERENCE: A) NICOSIA 3371; B) NICOSIA 3380;
C) NICOSIA 3386

1. FCO SENIOR DESK OFFICER FOR CYPRUS, FORT, CONVEYED
TO EMBOFF FOLLOWING BRITISH POSITION ON TURKISH RECEPTION
FORMULATED AT NOON, OCTOBER 27. AS FOLLOWS: FCO IS
INFORMING OTHER EC-NINE PARTNERS AND USG THAT HMG THINKS
NEW SITUATION HAS ARISEN SINCE TURKISH INVITATION FROM
"CHARGE D'AFFAIRES" NOW FORMALIZED IN WRITING AND GOC
HAS TAKEN STRONG STAND AGAINST ATTENDANCE, AS EXPRESSED
BY FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE UK
IS FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN
NICOSIA SHOULD NEITHER ATTEND TURKISH RECEPTION NOR BE
REPRESENTED AT IT. AT THE SAME TIME, THE UK CONSIDERS
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IT IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN WORKING CONTACT WITH THE TURKISH

MISSION AND THE UK HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS SO INFORMED THE GOC.

2. FCO MESSAGE CONTINUES THAT THE PROBLEM ARISES AS TO HOW TO CONVEY THE EXPLANATION FOR THE EC-NINE ACTION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY. UK RECOMMENDS THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EC PRESIDENCY IN ANKARA (DUTCH) EXPLAIN TO THE GOC THAT ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN NICOSIA ARE ACCREDITED TO THE GOC, THE ONE EXCEPTION BEING THE TURK WHOSE POSITION IS UNCLEAR SINCE HE HAS NOT NOTIFIED THE GOC OF HIS ARRIVAL. SINCE HE HAS NOT SOUGHT OR OBTAINED DIPLOMATIC STANDING IN RELATION TO THE GOC, OTHER DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN AN EMBARRASSING POSITION RE HIS FORMAL INVITATION. EC CAN TAKE NO ACT IMPLYING RECOGNITION OF TFSC, AND CONSIDER THAT THE POSITION OF THE TURKISH MISSION SHOULD BE REGULARIZED BY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES. THE EC-NINE REPS LOOK FORWARD TO INFORMAL CONTACT WITH ONHON AND HIS STAFF.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE BRITISH THUS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THEIR DIPLOMATIC POLICY TOWARDS CYPRUS IN AN EC-NINE FRAMEWORK AS WELL AS IN CONCERT WITH US. PRIVATELY, FCO OFFICERS ARE, OF COURSE, FURIOUS WITH THE FRENCH WHO, THE FCO UNDERSTANDS, FIRST RAISED THE ISSUE WITH THE GOC WITHOUT COORDINATING IN ADVANCE WITH THEIR EC-NINE PARTNERS, THUS PREVENTING THE EC-NINE IN NICOSIA FROM ESTABLISHING A JOINT POSITION ON THE MATTER.

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